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PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING NO. R97-1/88

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268



Postal Rate and Fee Changes

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING CERTIFYING MOTION TO THE FULL COMMISSION

(Issued January 22, 1998)

On December 22, 1997 the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers (ANM) submitted a motion to compel Postal Service responses to, among other interrogatories, ANM/USPS-20, 21, 25 and 26. Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R97-1/86 denied the ANM motion with respect to these interrogatories. On January 16, 1998, ANM filed an appeal for immediate review by the full Commission of that ruling with respect to the aforementioned denied interrogatories. Appeal of the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers from Presiding Officer's Ruling R97-1/86 (January 16, 1998).

Ruling 86 involves the Postal Service's obligation (or lack thereof) to answer interrogatories that seek information on IOCS and RPW data for nonprofit mail used to determine the costs attributable to Nonprofit Standard (A) mail. A motion to reconsider such a ruling encompasses significant questions of law and policy, with subsequent (versus immediate) review an inadequate remedy. Accordingly, I am certifying this issue to the Commission. See 39 USC § 3001.32(b). Any party wishing to respond to this appeal must do so on or before January 28, 1998.

RULING

The Appeal of the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers from Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R97-1/86, filed January 16, 1998, is certified to the full Commission. The Postal Service's response to the appeal is due on or before January 28, 1998.

Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer